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PUBLIC NOTICE **LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, BARRY M. GOLDWATER RANGE (EAST SEGMENT)** **MTR UNIT 8 BURIAL PIT** **DRAFT POST-CLOSURE PERMIT**

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is providing the public this notice that it has prepared a draft post-closure permit for the Luke Air Force Base (AFB) Munitions Treatment Range Unit 8 (MTR Unit 8). The permit contains plans for post-closure maintenance that the Air Force will follow during MTR Unit 8's 30-year post-closure period. The unit was certified closed in January 2002. This notice also announces a 45-day public comment period from **March 19, 2006 through May 8, 2006**.

The Munitions Treatment Range (MTR) is located on the northeastern portion of the Barry M. Goldwater Range, within Maricopa County, approximately 12 miles southwest of the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field and 15 miles southwest of Gila Bend. The MTR was used for treatment of waste munitions and included eight former treatment units. All of the treatment units are closed. The MTR will continue to be used solely for emergency response activities and training exercises.

MTR Unit 8 is a former burial pit located in the southwest portion of the MTR. The burial pit is approximately 140 feet long by 40 feet wide by 12 feet deep. It contains ash and debris resulting from the open burning of hazardous waste munitions and soils with arsenic concentrations above the nonresidential soil remediation level of 10 parts per million. A cover has been installed which has been engineered and constructed to ensure that there is no threat to human health or the environment.

The purpose of the post-closure permit prepared by ADEQ is to establish conditions for proper long-term management of the cover for MTR Unit 8. The management of the cover includes performing inspections, maintenance, and corrective action when necessary. If approved, the proposed post-closure permit will be effective for 10 years. It can then be renewed as necessary to continue maintenance of the cover during the post-closure care period.

All data submitted by Luke AFB is available as part of an Administrative Record for the draft permit. A copy of portions of the Administrative Record, including the draft permit, may be viewed at the Gila Bend Branch Library, 202 North Euclid Avenue, Gila Bend, Arizona 85337. The library operating hours are Monday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Tuesday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. The full administrative record is available at the ADEQ Phoenix office at 1110 West Washington Street and may be viewed from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday (excluding state holidays). To arrange an appointment to review this record at ADEQ, contact the ADEQ Records Center at (602) 771-4380.

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ADEQ invites all interested persons to submit written comments concerning the draft post-closure permit. **All comments must be submitted to ADEQ, post-marked by the close of the public comment period: May 8, 2006. Submit your comments to:**

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ADEQ – Hazardous Waste Permits Unit
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(602) 771-4165 or 1-(800) 234-5677, ext. 771-4165

In addition to submitting public comment, any person may request the ADEQ Director to schedule a public hearing. Formal requests for a public hearing must be submitted to ADEQ by **not later than May 8, 2006**, and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. The Director will hold such a hearing if: 1) he finds, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest in the draft post-closure permit, or 2) he finds that the hearing may clarify one or more issues involved in the draft permit decision, or 3) a formal written notice of opposition to the draft permit is received within the comment period.

If you would like a copy of the facility fact sheet or wish to be placed on a mailing list for permit activity, you can make such request to the ADEQ contact person listed above. Please bring this notice to the attention of anyone who might be interested in this matter.